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Assignment of house-sites to Harijans and persons belonging to backward classes in Tanjore district.

* 866 *Q.*—Sri S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM (on behalf of Sri K. R. Sambandam): Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Harijans and persons belonging to backward classes in Tanjore district applied for the assignment of house-sites during the last three years and how many applications have been disposed of; and

(*b*) whether the Government have under consideration any proposal for the appointment of a Special Officer in Tanjore district to expedite the acquisition of house-sites?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) The number of Harijans and agricultural labourers in Tanjore district who applied for house sites during the last three years are as follows :—

Year.	Number of Harijans and other applicants.
1951–52	13,350
1952–53	7,152
1953–54	1,160

All the applications except 36 applications relating to 1953–54 have been disposed of.

" (*b*) No, Sir."

Sri A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" ஆதி திராவிடர்களுக்கு இந்த மனைக்கட்டு ஒதுக்கும் விஷயத்தில் சர்க்கார் என் இவ்வளவு காலதாமதம் செய்கிறார்கள் என்பதைக் கேட்க விரும்புகிறேன்."

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" There is no considerable delay, Sir."

Malayalam journal " Thaniniram."

* 867 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations or complaints about the publication and circulation of the journal called " Thaniniram " in Malayalam language;

(*b*) the steps, if any, taken by the Government to stop circulation of this journal; and

(*c*) whether any action was taken against this journal to stop its publication in Kozhikode and Tellicherry?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) Yes, Sir. As the periodical is a Malayalam monthly printed and published in Trivandrum, this Government addressed the Government of Travancore-Cochin in the matter. That Government have initiated an action under the Press